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An Emergency Plan for West Bergholt

This is a plan which has been developed by the Parish Council with the help of Colchester Borough Council and the Emergency Services to help us in the village cope with an unforeseen situation which needs rapid and decisive action. Emergencies can occur with little or no warning and could be caused by many different factors including:

- Natural disaster
- Severe weather
- Technological/industrial accidents
- Power failures
- Failure of communications (e.g. telephones or broadband)
- Transport disruption and village cut off
- Terrorism

The risk to the village from any of these events is small and difficult to assess. In the event of a situation deemed to be an emergency the Borough Council is the responsible body that will work with the Emergency Services. Our role is strictly to support these actions. The village plan focuses on how the Parish Council would assist in providing an emergency Reception Centre and how it could support vulnerable village residents. The document which can be seen in full on the village website is deliberately short and hopefully of practical use.

To carry out our role the Parish Council needs access to a team of volunteers who could carry out activities such as staffing a Reception Centre at the Orpen Hall. Various village groups do already have such volunteers and these will be contacted but should you be willing to assist in such activity please contact Harry Stone through the Parish Clerk westbergholtpc@googlemail.com

The Parish Council believes that in some emergency situations (e.g. prolonged power failure in severe weather) some vulnerable residents could be at risk. A list of such residents is to be compiled although it is appreciated that holding such information has to be handled sensitively and with the accepted protection. Again existing organisations such as the Care Network and Churches will be contacted but also if a possible resident who it is known has no regular contact from relatives or friends please inform the Parish Clerk. No name will be added without personal contact being made and their agreement.

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Parish Council monthly meetings are held in the John Lampon Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30pm. Prior to the start of the meetings, between 7.15pm and 7.30pm, the public are invited to raise any item for consideration by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

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Following a mild but wet winter, by March the Bluebells were well advanced and so the Committee agreed to bring forward the date of the 'Open Day and Spring Walk' compared to last year. Therefore Easter Saturday saw a number of volunteers meet to erect the gazebo and display. This was the meeting place for the 34 who came for the guided walk around the wood.



Around this time, a number of nightingales arrived at the wood and started making their presence heard. You don't, however, always need to go to remote areas to hear these visitors. For the last week I have been hearing a particularly noisy one in the hedge in front of my house – situated on the Pirie Road estate!

By the time you read this, the 'Dawn Chorus' event will have taken place with hundreds (maybe not) meeting outside St. Mary's Old Church at 3.45am.

I hope all of you who attended had a brilliant time.

We will soon be back into the Working Party season with the first one in September. Anyone wishing to assist should contact David Bull on 01206 241684 for more information.

Andrew Savage, Chairman
<http://westbergholt.net/village-life/clubs/hillhouse-wood/>



CHARITY NO: 299094

It is good to report that the Care Network is thriving and with steady recruitment of volunteers we feel confident that we can respond to most requests for help with transport.

The Care Network is there to help any residents of the village, whatever their age or need, to get to appointments if transport is needed and other means are not possible or available. Most of our journeys are to the Doctors' Surgeries or the Hospitals but other local appointments can be considered.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 30th April we reported almost 200 jobs carried out in the last year by about twenty volunteer drivers. There are a number of regular users but we feel it is likely that some residents could benefit from the service but are not aware of what we offer or how to contact us. We make no charge but small donations to help cover expenses from users are invited. If you would like to use the service, or indeed know of a needy friend or neighbour who could benefit from it, details for requesting help are below. If you feel you could volunteer to join the volunteer drivers please contact Harry Stone on 241026.

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Around the Clock Relay

St Helena Hospice is holding a new summer event called 'Around the Clock Relay', which will take place from 11am on Saturday 19th July to Sunday 20th July at Philip Morant School and College, Colchester. This exciting, family friendly event is a 24 hour sponsored team relay, with the only rule being that you keep at least one member of your team on the track at all times!

Teams can consist of between two and 30 members. The track will be an interesting walk, taking participants through the Philip Morant school grounds and in to a woodland area.

Team members will be invited to stay for the whole 24 hours and get in to the spirit of the event by putting up tents and gazebos and camping overnight.

Registration is free and closes on Monday 14th July at 5pm. To register for this event, go to www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/clock14 or call the Fundraising office on 01206 791740.



Hospice Midnight Walk

St Helena Hospice Midnight Walk...or run: girls just want to have fun!

Registration is open for the St Helena Hospice Midnight Walk...or run 2014, which is taking place on Saturday 7th June. This year the event has an exciting new theme, back to the 80s, as well as giving ladies the option to run the 12km (7.5 mile) route.

This ladies-only sponsored event will commence at midnight on Saturday 7th June, when up to 2,000 ladies will start their walk or run around Colchester. The route will start and finish at Colchester United's Weston Homes Community Stadium.

Registration for the walk is just £15 and each lady will receive an official St Helena Hospice

Midnight Walk...or run 2014 pink 80s headband and legwarmers, along with a full event pack containing helpful information. Participants also have the option of purchasing an official Midnight Walk t-shirt for an additional £8 in advance which they can pick up on the night.

For online registration for Ladies go to www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/midnightwalk14 or simply fill out a registration form, which can be picked up at any of the Hospice shops or Hospice sites in Colchester and Clacton. Monday 2nd June is the close of registration at 12pm or when 2,000 participants have registered, whichever comes first.

St Helena Hospice is also looking for volunteers to help on the night to make the event as cost effective as possible.

For more information, please email midnightwalk@sthelenahospice.org.uk or call the events team on 01206 791740.

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First Report - We have had some fun evenings with around 60 youngsters every other Friday night.

We made felt hearts on Valentine's evening and decorated buns.

We had the Flower Club help us with some beautiful arrangements in tea cups for presents for Mother's Day.

Youngsters enjoy football in the MUGA and now the weather has improved we will play on the field so we can enjoy tennis as well.

We had a guess the volunteer from their baby photos competition which proved rather difficult. We also tried watercolour painting.

Over the next few weeks we are planning Zorbing, a Pamper Night, Wimbledon and World Cup activities.

Anyone wishing to come along, year six and over, our next meetings will be 6th and 20th June.

Second Report - BYG meets every second Friday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. The club continues successfully with between 60 and 80 young people attending each time. We have plenty of volunteers at the present but could always welcome more. Some of our "older" young people stay on as helpers but as they grow up they will be going on to other things.

Club evenings are mainly organised by Amber Harlow with support from Suzanne Bowden and Diana Woodgate. Sue Day organises a craft table each time. A variety of sports is always available,

tennis, loads of football and on special occasions we have archery with helpers from the Essex Boys and Girls Club, indoor dodge ball when weather is wet and table tennis and skipping. The young people are very energetic!!!! Use of the Xbox is also popular.

At the end of March, ladies from the Colne Valley Flower club, Pat Sharman, Clare Heyes, Alison Bradshaw and Manya Barrow came along armed with flowers and greenery and cups and saucers with an oasis in each.



Many of the young boys and girls with the help of the ladies made some really lovely posies for Mothers' Day. There must have been some very proud Mums in West Bergholt on the Sunday.

A big thank you to all our helpers without whom the club would not be possible and special thanks to Amber Harlow.



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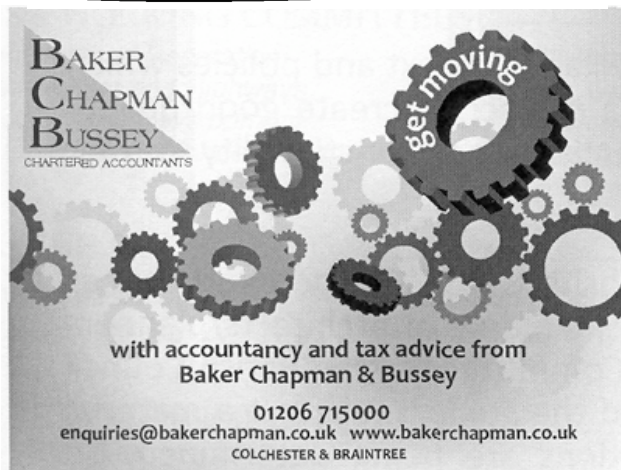
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West Bergholt Concert Band



The band started 2014 with another successful concert at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, raising over £1,000 for the Theatre and receiving lots of great feedback including "I've been listening to the band for many years and today's concert was the best programme ever". We also ran another enjoyable workshop for local primary school



musicians, this time at Millfields School in Wivenhoe, and will be continuing with these popular events throughout the rest of the year to help us recruit new Training Band players.

Our Summer concerts start on Sunday June 22nd at 3pm with the band's first ever performance on the Castle Park Bandstand. We've got a varied and exciting programme planned, including music from Shostakovich, Sousa, Disney, Big Bands, One Direction and Abba, with plenty of opportunities for people to dance along in front of the bandstand. It's going to be a beautifully sunny day and a really enjoyable afternoon, so why not pack a picnic and come and share in the fun.

We're then returning to Coggeshall's beautiful Church of St Peter ad Vincula on July 12th at 7:30pm for our Summer Concert of "A Centenary Of Music", including music from Holst, Sousa, Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, Broadway, Adele and Pirates Of The Caribbean. The venue is wonderful for music, and the pieces are some of the band's all-time favourites, so we're hoping to top March's "best programme ever".

As mentioned in the last bulletin, the end of the summer term sees the band losing a swathe of

players to University, so as ever (and especially this summer) we're looking for new players to fill the gaps created by the leavers. The band are a friendly bunch of players of all ages and abilities, and very welcoming of and supportive to new players, so if you're interested in joining, or know anyone who is, we would be very happy to see you at any of our Friday rehearsals. Additionally, anyone who is able to tell schools or music teachers about the band would also be giving us a huge helping hand, for which we'll be very grateful.

Everything you need to know about the band (including how to join us, details of all our events, how to buy tickets) is on our website www.wbcb.org or you can call or email Graham on 01206 824157 or Graham@wbcb.org.

Here's hoping for a great summer, and hopefully we'll see you at our Castle Park or Coggeshall concerts.



Anyone for Tennis?



At the start of a new summer season the Parish Council is keen to see that its recreation facilities are used as fully as possible. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) beside the Orpen Hall is available mainly for tennis but can be used for other sports such as football. This can be booked on a casual hourly basis through the booking system at the Co-op.

However, for families a more economical way of ensuring unlimited access is through membership of the West Bergholt Sports Club costing **just £45** per year for a family from 1st June. Membership details are available from Gill Sims at wbsc2011@hotmail.co.uk or full information can be found on the notice board beside the courts.

All we need is a good summer to ensure a season of sporting pleasure and enhanced fitness at a bargain price from facilities on your doorstep.

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



Our March meeting was devoted to lawns when Geoff Hodge came along to discuss the problem of maintaining our patches of grass which have all suffered from the appalling wet winter weather. He stressed that people should decide upon what type of lawn that they wanted to maintain as different needs did not require the same treatment. The types to bear in mind were the bowling green, the utility lawn and the second class lawn full of weeds, moss and bare patches. The latter was likely to have been a weekend lawn being cut as low as possible to avoid having to get the mower out again in the 'foreseeable' future – a definite candidate for a new start from scratch policy.

You should regard grass as you would any other plant in the garden, needing good soil, aeration, feeding, regular watering and scarifying after moss killer had done its job. Note that scarifying before the moss is dead will only spread the moss and cause further problems. The height of cut is important and 1.5in or 2in is recommended and you might well keep on mowing throughout the year weather/ground permitting. In shady positions a cut height of 2in.– 3in is recommended. Using these guidelines a greener thicker grass should develop during the year, but do not forget the autumn/winter feed. Established lawns are best cared for by raking out dead and creeping grass and finishing with a broom. If required overseeding can be done preferably in spring.

The presentation was well received by the members and Geoff, after demonstrating several items, gave them to the club for the usual raffle.

The speaker in April, was Richard Ford who made a return to the Club to talk about one of his favourite plants — Hostas

The Annual Plant Sake was held in May at the Orpen Memorial Hall. Most interests were catered for with bedding plants, shrubs, trees and vegetable plants. Also gardening Bric a Brac stall.

Our major outing of the year is a coach trip to Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury on 19th June leaving Orpen Hall at 8.30am returning from Waddesdon Manor at approximately 4.30/5.00pm. This will give time to see The

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All are welcome to our meetings – small charge for non-members.

Tom Souter

OPEN GARDENS - 22nd JUNE

On Sunday 22nd June thirteen gardens along with the allotments will be open for viewing. Entrance to the gardens will be by programme and will cost £4 per person (accompanied children free). Programmes can be purchased on the day from The Methodist Chapel Hall, St Mary The Virgin Church Hall and from the gardens. The gardens will open from 1pm until 5pm and there will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments and cakes from the church halls. All proceeds are for the **Teenage Cancer Trust** in memory of Tom Bowdidge.

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Barn End, Cooks Hall Lane, West Bergholt (come and see the donkeys)

St Marys Old Church in Hall Lane will also be open. So please come along and support this event and our nominated charity.

Colne Valley Flower Club



Our next meeting in the Orpen Hall is on Wednesday 18th June at 7.30 when Viki Hease from Great Finborough will be coming to demonstrate her flowers titled 'Alfresco Summer'. The meeting on July 16th will be our 'Members Evening' (We do not meet in August). We welcome anyone to come along and enjoy the flowers.

24 members enjoyed an outing to Parkers Garden Centre in Frinton on 16th April. We were greeted by the Manager who guided us around the nursery. A demonstration then took place on how to re-pot an Orchid, followed by afternoon tea, with plenty of time to shop. Thank you to Manya for arranging this.

On Friday 28th March we were asked along to the West Bergholt Youth Group to help the youngsters make an arrangement for Mothering Sunday. This is our fourth visit to the club and our theme this year was an arrangement in a cup and saucer or mug. Thanks to Clare, Alison and Manya.

The Club is in the process of planning an arrangement as part of a Flower Festival being held in the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds. This event runs from 24th to 27th July.

For any further details on the Club please contact Pat Sharman 01787 227833

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West Bergholt Football Club



With the season drawing to a close, we are in a good position with both teams. The first team is riding high at the top of the Premier League following some excellent results against the top sides, and if we win all our remaining four games we should finish champions. However we will have to overcome stiff competition from Harwich, Tollesbury and as ever, Gas Rec, who all have games in hand, in one of the closest title races for many years.

The Second Team have had a great season and currently lie fourth in the First Division. They have games in hand, and could theoretically finish top. Realistically though, second or third looks likely, any of which would be great, considering that they are playing only one division below the first team, who have had to make numerous calls on their players to cover for injuries etc.

On the social front, we entertained our German twin club, RSV Bublingshausen from Wetzlar, over the Easter holiday. We joined together for several social events, and an inter club football match. Unfortunately we were unable to field our best side, as our first team had a league match the same day, but our reserves and old boys put on a credible performance, leading for most of the game, until the youth and fitness of the opposition took its toll and we ran out 3-5 losers. This was followed by an evening at the Curve Bar in Colchester which I know was enjoyed by all.

On the down side, our first team management team of Gary Woods and Colin Knights have decided that after six successful seasons they would like to take a break, and are stepping down at the end of the season. The club thanks them for the considerable efforts that they have put in, and the successes they have achieved in that time, and it would be great if they could go out with a bang by finishing as champions again!

Obviously we will require managers for next season, and anyone interested should contact our Club Secretary, details on our website www.westbergholtfc.co.uk

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In March a warning was issued to patients about a hoax email.

At least two GP practices in NE Essex have had patients phone in worried about a hoax email. The email looks as if it has come from NICE, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, and people are advised not to open it, and not to click on any links.

NICE says the contents are likely to be distressing and has reported the hoax to the police.

It is not clear exactly how many people are affected, but based on the high number of calls to the organisation it is thought to number thousands nationally.

Sir Andrew Dillon, the chief executive of NICE, said: "A spam email purporting to come from NICE is being sent to members of the public regarding cancer test results.

"This email is likely to cause distress to recipients since it advises that 'test results' indicate they may have cancer.

"This malicious email is not from NICE and we are currently investigating its origin. We take this matter very seriously and have reported it to the police."

NICE is advising people who have received the email - the subject line of which is *important blood analysis result* - to delete it without opening and not to click on any links.

www.nice.org.uk or Twitter: @NICEComms

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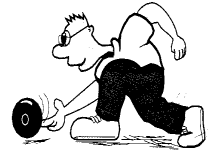
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West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The AGM of the Bowls Club was held recently at the Orpen Hall. A good attendance by members and committee was followed by our Secretary Jan Lumb reading the previous year's minutes.

Bruce Fulford, our treasurer, presented the previous year's accounts which were proposed and seconded by members.

This was followed by George Coppin, our match secretary, reporting on the ups and downs of the past year's matches.

The chairlady, Eileen Brown, read her report stating how every member enjoyed their bowls and appealed to all members to attend the meetings as a rise in our hall rent of over 15% would be hard to meet if attendances were not kept high.

After the official business of the evening was over there was an excellent fish and chip supper by 'Greens' who each Thursday evening are in attendance at the Orpen Hall for the villager.

The evening ended with the presentation of the Annual Trophies and for the first time money prizes were given to winners and runners-up.

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Allotment News

This year the allotments have started well with the weather being kind to ensure a good start to the growing season.

All 141 plots are being cultivated, however, anyone interested in obtaining an allotment plot in the future should contact the Clerk of the Parish Council, Val Walsom on 240149 or email westbergholtpc@googlemail.com who will arrange for your name to be put on the waiting list.

If you want to find out more about the allotments visit us on the West Bergholt Parish Council website:

www.westbergholt.net/village-life/chubs/allotments/.

The site contains various information from growing tips, minutes of meetings, rules for allotment holders and contacts, etc.

This year the allotment will be participating in the planned West Bergholt Open Garden Day on Sunday 22nd June in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust which was inspired by a local teenager Tom Bowdidge. Naturally, whilst the donations (via Programmes priced £4.00 - accompanied children free) will be going to a very good cause, this does give the community the opportunity to come through the allotment gates in either Chapel Road or New Church Road and see first hand the efforts of their family members, neighbours and friends. All will be most welcome during the hours of **1.00pm and 5.00pm on the day** and should you visit us you will find that within the allotment community there are no strangers - simply just new acquaintances to be made.

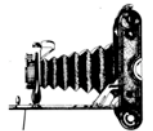
On the day we anticipate that in addition to some of our more seasoned plot holders being available to answer questions hopefully they will be joined by new members who can provide their perspective on starting life on an allotment plot. So, do put the date in your diary, and come along and visit us all on the allotments which are situated at the centre of the community.

In recognition of his services, in particular to the Allotment community through the 1980's to the present, Bob Gooden of Chapel Road, has been made our first Honorary Member following

his departure from the committee. Bob was very instrumental in introducing many within the community to their first experience of managing an allotment and also for orchestrating the combining of the allotments onto the one site in Chapel Road which freed up the Poors Field to become a Schools activity field.

Finally, whether on the allotment or in your own gardens may all your efforts prove fruitful!

West Bergholt History Group



In February Dr. Jane Pearson gave a talk about the demise of Marks Hall in Coggeshall. Information from the archives of the Hall mentioned panelling being removed from the walls and most of the interior was stripped by various people who just turned up and took it. Very interesting!

March was our Annual Meeting. Following a short report, a film about old times was shown.

In April Anna Kettle gave us an illustrated talk about pargeting. She explained how she started in this art of decoration and some of the places where she had trained abroad. After giving the talk Anna showed some small samples that she had made for larger projects and answered many questions.

We meet every second Wednesday (NOT December) in the Orpen Hall starting at **7.30pm**. During the summer (May to August) we visit places of interest including churches and other buildings of interest.

Proposed visits are: May - Earls Colne Church and historic buildings, June - Mount Bures Church, July - Guided walk in Boxted, August visit to the Museum of Power.

September we start back in the Orpen Hall with a talk by Roger Green.

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Methodist Church News

The past few months have been a very active period of worship and social village events.

The Women's World Day of Prayer in March was a joyous occasion. The service arranged by Christian Women of Egypt was titled 'Streams of the Desert'. We jointly celebrated this special service with a light lunch in the hall and then moved into the church where 45 visitors from many denominations took part in the service and dramatisation. We were able to send over £200 for the work undertaken globally by W.W.D. of P. with a special request that a large amount of the money donated this year would be particularly used for the women of Egypt as they struggle with the current unrest.

During the past few months we have shared worship in our own church and joined with special services at Castle Methodist and United Service at Great Horkesley. Holy Week Meditation services took place around our Sector Churches led by Rev. Ruth Ridge with a special Good Friday service at Boxted Methodist Church and the Silver Band. A Family themed Easter Coffee and Craft morning was enjoyed by children and parents in the hall and we will be arranging further events during the Summer.

The Quiz Night in March, which is always looked forward to, was another very successful evening. It is always a fun evening with many regular teams. Our next Quiz will be in the Autumn, the date to be announced in the September Bulletin. If you would like to enter we usually have a few spaces available. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Women's Fellowship meetings continue to be well attended with visitors from Wycliff Baptist Church joining us. The wide variety of speakers through the year are encouraging in our own Christian Life whether it is giving personal life experiences, the work of Charities we support, or our own members' memories. We meet in June and July with a break in August. Please join us for this monthly mid week afternoon meeting for a time of worship and friendship, details of which are found in our Church Diary.

Rev. Ruth Ridge is available in the church on Saturday morning from 9.30 - 10.00am for a time of quiet prayer and support or can be contacted on 242183 at other times.

Methodist Church Diary

June

8th	Methodist Homes Service	11.00am
10th	Shared Village Communion	11.00am
11th	Coffee Morning in Hall	10.00am
18th	Womens Fellowship in Hall	
	Speaker - Mrs Vivienne Wright	
	Beacon House	2.30pm
19th	Bible Study- the Manse	7.30pm
22th	Morning Worship	11.00am
	Open Gardens Refreshments in the hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
29th	United Service at St Marys	9.30am

July

8th	Shared Village Communion	11.00am
9th	Coffee Morning in Hall	10.00am
13th	United Service at Mile End Methodist - N.C.H.	10.30am
16th	Women's Fellowship - Garden Party at the Manse	2.30pm
17th	Bible Study - the Manse	7.30pm

August

13th	Coffee Morning in Hall	10.00am
31th	United Service in Methodist Church	11.00am
	Pre service Coffee from	10.15am.

All regular Sunday Services at 11.00am
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submissions for news items to be in two weeks prior to publication.*

3rd West Bergholt Brownies

We are enjoying a busy year celebrating the Brownie Centenary.

At the start of our spring term we had six new girls join our unit so we had to organise two Promise nights to accommodate all their parents and friends who came to watch. The parents were entertained by Brownies taking their hostess badge - serving tea/coffee and homemade cakes!

To coincide with Mother's Day we organised a Bodyshop pamper night. The girls pampered their mums and aunts with lots of body butters and perfumes.

We also held a raffle and made £60 which we are donating to St Helena Hospice.

We finished the term with an Easter Party – including an Easter egg hunt and some fun party games.

On Sunday 27th April we led the St George's Day Parade through Colchester town centre. Seventeen from our unit turned out in our smartest uniforms, joining guides, rainbows, cubs, beavers and scouts in the parade to the Castle Park. There we had a short service led by the Mayor and Bob Russell. We were watched by lots of parents and we all had an enjoyable afternoon.

This term we are working in our books and planning lots more fun outside .

Brown Owl

Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



The Under 15's have had a similar season to the last as far as the league is concerned. In what has been a very competitive A league they have one remaining fixture and can once again finish in fourth position with a victory. They have the opportunity to retain their League cup when they face League Champions Notley Youth in the final held at Wivenhoe Town FC on the weekend of the 17th May.

The Under 11's have completed their fixtures and achieved a top four finish in their league

(OK they finished 4th). They continue to improve with each season.

The Under 9's have now completed the fixtures in both the West League and then in the Trophy Event which followed. All in all a very good season for the boys with a step up in both skills, attitude and teamwork which all lead to an improvement in performance and results. Hopefully this improvement will continue next season and we will have another successful year.

We are all now looking forward to the World Cup in June and we have chosen the date for England's opening game, Saturday 14th June for our Awards Night. This all starts at 6pm at the Orpen Hall and food will be served. We will be finished in good time for the England v Italy match which kicks off at 11.30pm! And no we don't have a licence!

We are still hopeful of raising a new team next season for all those that will be Year 2 or 3 in September. If interested let me know on the number below. Finally, the club is seeking FA Chartered status next season and we shall be making an announcement at our customary barbecue in early September.

Here's to a sunny summer and World Cup success!

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Sunday and Public Holiday Bus service.

It seems that not a lot of people know this but there is a bus service from the village on Sundays and Public Holidays.

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Orpen Players



The Orpen Players Spring production this year was Terrance Rattigan's 'The Deep Blue Sea' directed by Colin Downer, the deadline for the bulletin was well before the production so the review will appear in the next edition.

Our Autumn production 'Stepping Out' by Richard Harris will be on October 23rd, 24th and 25th at 8pm

'Stepping Out' is a comedy about a beginners' tap dance troupe. The group of nine women and one man share life's ups and downs whilst preparing to stage a dance routine for a local show.

Auditions: Friday 18th and Monday 21st July 8pm at the Orpen Hall.

Please note, prior dancing experience is welcomed but by no means necessary.

New members are always very welcome whether you fancy treading the boards or helping with the many other jobs, directing, stage crew, music, costumes, set construction and painting, make-up we meet on Monday and Friday evenings 8pm-10pm

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West Bergholt Women's Institute



During March this year a Members Meeting was held enabling the committee to sit back and enjoy the evening. A potted primrose was given to everyone on the committee in appreciation of their hard work.

April was an 'Open Meeting' with local WI's and visitors from West Bergholt attending. Brian Carline, speaker, author and broadcaster made a welcome return with his amusing talk on 'Life in our Schools' when he was a head teacher. Our annual donation of cakes was collected and taken to St Helena Hospice. Member, Liz Alexander, displayed knitted items

and encouraged knitters to make garments for the premature baby unit at the General Hospital.



May was our Annual Meeting and WI Advisor, Val Stone, chaired the meeting and gave an insight into the WI as fourteen new members have joined in recent months. Susan Leng remains as President and the committee stays the same with the welcome addition of Gill Tyrrell.

Manya Barrow together with eight members attended the County Annual Meeting in Southend and gave her report on the excellent day with speakers Carol Bundock, ex Look East presenter and Michael Portillo ex MP and now TV broadcaster.

Our monthly coffee morning at the Treble Tile is well attended as are the Play Reading meetings. If you want to visit and see if it is for you, come along the first Wednesday of any month at 7.15pm in the Orpen Memorial Hall.

Details from Susan on 241748 or Jacqui on 240712.

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St. Mary's Church

It's now over two years that West Bergholt and Great Horkeley have been without a Rector. The post was advertised in January for Priest in Charge for West Bergholt with Great Horkeley and Langham with Boxted. On 19th March interviews were held and Rev Dr Amanda Elmes was appointed by unanimous decision. She will be licensed at 7.30pm on 29th July. This will take place at St. Mary's Langham.

Mandy – as she likes to be called – and her husband Paul will be moving from their home in Lexden to West Bergholt Rectory. They have two adult children. Mandy is now working in the West Mersea Ministry Team with special responsibility for Peldon – but this was in a voluntary part-time capacity. We shall be welcoming her and look forward to her ministry among us starting in August. At some time Mandy may have been your dentist!

St. Mary's will be taking part in the village open gardens day on 22nd June and the church will be open between 1-5pm. We are planning to produce a number of indoor gardens in the church.

The next Wired (youth group for secondary aged children) evenings are on 6th June and 4th July between 7.45 and 9.30pm. Current school year 6 children are also welcome to come along on these dates.

Regular events at St Mary's include Open House – weekly on Thursday mornings, Squeals on Wheels during Open House (termtime) 5T's – fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, home bible study groups and senior citizens' lunches – as announced.

Our Sunday services are at 9.30am with BUGS (St. Mary's Sunday School). Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Our website – which includes details of the Church Diary is
www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswebbergholt/

Help needed for gardening at St. Mary's Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to invite all the parishioners, of all of the churches, to a Rectory Garden Party - that is a party for the Rectory Garden.

It will be held on Saturday 16th August from 10am till 3pm. It would be great if a team of folk would come and help Paul and myself get the garden into shape, some heavy work will be required but it won't all be hard work!

Paul and I would like to give everyone lunch, with liquid refreshment(!) (no cost involved to those who come) so a sign up sheet would be very helpful from our point of view.

This sheet would also help us to plan out the appropriate work related to the tools folk are able to bring with them.

When folk come, it would be great if they could bring their white recycling bags with them, and then we can do a trip or two to the recycling centre during the day.

I should be grateful if you would be prepared to tell as many people as possible about this party, so that we can make a difference in the garden, and as they say, 'many hands make light work'.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Mandy

If you can help, could you please let Richard and Dorothy Chadborn know what tools you are able to bring and whether you have any special dietary requirements.

Liz Dixon, on behalf of St Mary's

West Bergholt Badminton Club



The Badminton Club 'still' meets at the Open Hall on Tuesday evenings between 7.45pm and 9.45pm. If you are over sixteen and would like to join us, please come along and play.

We also have space for a limited number aged between fourteen and sixteen but please contact Bernard on 240297.



Girl Guides

We joined up with the other units in the village on 1st December for the Annual Gift Service at the Methodist Church, which went very well.

On 19th December we finished our winter term by watching a DVD on our new projector which was purchased with our Jack Petchey donation awarded to Emily Ringrose. We all turned up in our pyjamas and sleeping bags and had a lovely evening.

Since we started back in January we have taken part in many activities including learning about the Holocaust, Staying safe on line, The Kepler space telescope and an excellent outdoor activity that taught the guides about what Thinking Day means. We also asked them to draw tracking and trailing maps in their patrols which the other patrols had to follow. A lot of fun especially as we did it in the dark with torches!!

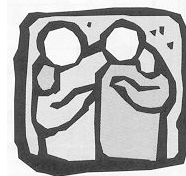
We made some excellent chocolates for Mother's Day which the girls enjoyed dipping, (eating) and coating. I am sure they went down well with their Mothers.

For Easter Gill found an excellent activity using Milky Ways, Jelly Babies and Smarties. All went down well, not sure if they made it to Easter though.

This term we are having a meal out at Pizza Hut. We are using our Jack Petchey donation awarded to Jasmine Lewis to help pay for this. Jasmine and the Guides cannot wait. We are also planning a campfire for all of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, a trip to London with the theme 'Fun around the Thames' and a camp in August.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

Friendship Club



In February the Friendship Club members had an afternoon of games and a very interesting talk by Mrs. Faulknor on 'The Change in Shopping'.

In March members had an afternoon of quizzes and number puzzlers – all very good for the brain!

April saw eighteen members off to a local centre for lunch and plant buying. This was very much enjoyed as luck was on our side as it was a beautiful sunny day. Also in April members enjoyed an afternoon playing bingo with all the prizes being bars of chocolate.

In the next few months we have some interesting talks and outings.

The Friendship Club meets every second and fourth Thursday afternoon in the month, between 2pm and 4pm, at the Orpen Hall. We look forward to seeing you if you are over 55 years (men and women).

For further information please telephone 240824.

Bluebells Preschool

The children are enjoying lots of activities at preschool this term.

We enjoyed joining Heathlands School for their Easter Service. We made some Easter crafts and enjoyed egg hunts on the Orpen Field.

We were lucky with the weather to enjoy several trips out in our turtle buses - to the duck pond and the woods. The children loved seeing all the bluebells and we even spotted the white bells! After our picnic lunch we climbed trees and enjoyed looking for The Gruffalo!

Hopefully the weather will continue so we can enjoy lots more fun in the sun before our summer break.

Our open afternoon is on Thursday 19th June 1-3pm for anyone wishing to enquire about spaces for September.

West Bergholt Cricket Club



At the time of writing with the new season now upon us, it was with a sense of inevitability that the recent dry weather would make way for showers. I am sure I speak for everyone that we are looking forward to a full season uninterrupted by rain!

We are pleased to announce that Pete Twydell has been appointed to the position of Chairman. Pete will bring a lot of passion and energy to this role and on behalf of the club I would like to thank him for volunteering his services.

The club is looking to expand and welcomes players of all age groups and abilities. We have two senior men's teams with our Saturday team competing in the Two Counties competition, and our Sunday team in the Piri Piri North Essex League. In addition we play on Wednesdays in our local Evening League. We also run a Ladies team which competes in the Beaumont Seymour League. Additionally, there is a successful Junior cricket team set up, with representation at Under-15, Under-13 and Under-11 levels, and our Kwik cricket players competing in local tournaments.

If you are interested in playing please visit the contact section of our website or contact me directly using the details below. Alternatively if you have friends or family who are interested in playing, please do not hesitate to contact the club.

We are pleased to report that West Bergholt Cricket club will once again play host to its annual summer festival event. This year we will be organising a quiz night on the 28th June accompanied by a BBQ, raffle and other entertainment. If you would like to register a team for the quiz please do not hesitate to contact the club. We will be welcoming teams of six, with the small charge of £2 per person to enter. The 4th of July will see our Kwik cricket competition taking place followed by our highly competitive six-a-side tournament on the 5th July. We will be showing the World Cup football at the conclusion of the six-a-side competition so we hope to see as many people there to support England as well as the club!

The festival has proved to be a fantastic event in previous years, and we look forward to seeing you there again this year.

This is an exciting season ahead for the club. With a blend of youth and experience we are positive that we can challenge across all fronts. With a bit of luck with the weather, we are looking forward to a season of success.

James Gallagher

07504 955 898 or j.gallagher39gmail.com

Something for Everyone at Nayland Choir's Summer Concert

Nayland Choir have announced their summer concert, *Old, new, borrowed and blue*, to be held on 28 June from 6.00pm onwards at Nayland Village Hall. With a selection of traditional and modern favourites, and the comic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *Trial by Jury*, the emphasis is on family entertainment. And the concert will be followed by a barbecue to celebrate the choir's twentieth anniversary, to round off an enjoyable day of celebration.

The choir, which includes singers from West Bergholt, Leavenheath and Stoke as well as Nayland itself, has performed in recent months at the Royal Albert Hall and St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

'Over the last two decades we've brought serious and light music to the Stour Valley villages,' says choir chairman Ian McKay. 'We're excited about our June concerts which includes some old favourites and some surprises too.'

Tickets are £15 (U16s £5) including barbecue. Visit naylandchoir.org for more information.



- Left Keith and his father outside shop, in 1957.
- Above group of WI ladies - left to right Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. G. Frost, Mrs. V. Cooper, Mrs. Neal, unknown and Miss E. Neal, c1930's.
- Below right Grimes and Emma Marmalade early 1900's. They used to roam around Colchester and the surrounding areas.

West Bergholt History Group

This page shows some photographs from our collection.

In memory of the First World War, we will have a display in the Old Church on August 2nd and 3rd, 2014.

If anyone has some photographs or reminiscences from 1914-18 relating to the village and would like to loan them to the History Group for the exhibition please telephone us on 240297. If possible originals will be copied.



- Above Mr. Walter Deal, Malster at Brewery and Methodist Lay Preacher.
- On the right is Mr. Byford, Milkman taken in the 1920's.





Contacts and what's on guide

Orpen Hall - 150 standing or 108 seated persons **John Lampon Hall** - 30-50 persons.
To book hall-admin@westbergholt.net

St Marys Church - 60 persons **Church Hall** - 20-40 persons **Vestry** - 12 persons.
To book Phone Murray Harlow 07989720256

Methodist Church Hall - 20-60 persons. To book Phone David Kay 243 574

Sundays:

Service of Worship, 9.30am St Mary's Church.

Contact: stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com

Service of Worship, 11am Morning Worship - Methodist Church.

Contact: Rev. Ruth Ridge; 242183

Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact: Eileen Brown 243301

Mondays:

West Bubs Cubs, 6.30pm-8pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Charles Hart; 241666

Bluebells Preschool, Monday to Friday 9.15am - 3.15pm

Orpen Hall. Contact: Jackie Leach 241677

Baby & Toddler Group, 9.15-11.30am Term time.

Methodist Church Hall -

Contact Jess Whitbread 07807 840964

WB Art Group, 2pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Pearce; 240200

Gardeners Association, 7.30pm 3rd Monday

Contact: Terry Claydon; 241256

SG Karate Club, 8.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hall.

Contact: Stuart Glister 365150

Zumba Fitness, 6.45pm - 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Clark 272759

Tuesdays:

NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic, 9.30-10.30

Methodist Church Hall second and fourth Tuesdays

Communion Service, 11am 2nd Tuesday Methodist Church

Badminton Club, 7.45pm Orpen Hall.

Contact: Bernard Colbron 240297

W.E.A., 8pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Hurley; 240791

Slimming World, 5.30pm and 7.30pm John Lampon Hall.

Contact: Katie 07774003616

Little Stars, Scout Hut on Tuesday 9am - 11.30am.

Open to children 0-5 years throughout the year, older children welcome in the holidays. Contact: Yvonne 07812637607 or y.pickin@gmail.com for enquiries

WB Knitting & Crochet Group, is a house group

Meeting 1st Tuesday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Phone 01206 242015 for details

Beehive Children's Centre, Methodist Church hall, Chapel Lane.

1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of each month from 9.30 - 10.30 am.

Clinic will run with our support as a drop in for families.

Wednesdays:

Coffee Morning, 10am 2nd Wednesday.

Methodist Church Hall

Women's Institute, 7.15pm 1st Wednesday Orpen Hall.

Contact: Susan Leng 241748

Colne Valley Flower Club, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday

Orpen Hall. Contact: 241155

History Group, 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday Orpen Hall.

Contact: Bernard Colbron 240297

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm 4th Wednesday

John Lampon Hall

Ladies Afternoon Badminton, 2.30pm - 4pm Orpen Hall.

Contact: Carol Felton: 240126

W.B. Beavers, 4.45pm-6.00pm Scout Hut

Contact: Charles Hart 241666

W.B. Scouts, 7.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Kevin Sturdy 240549

Zumba Fitness, 6.45pm- 7.45pm. Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Clark 272759.

Pats Pals, 2.30pm Methodist Church Hall

WB Craft & Quilters, 2nd Wednesday, Orpen Hall,

Joyce Lucking Room - 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Contact: Marie-Louise Fuell 240642

WB Knitting & Crochet Group, is a house group

Meeting 3rd Wednesday from 2.30pm - 4pm.

Phone 01206 242015 for details

Wednesday Fellowship, 3rd Wednesday 2.30pm, Methodist Hall

Thursdays:

Squeals on Wheels, 9.30am-11am St Mary's Church Hall

5T's, 2.30pm-4pm 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday St Mary's Church Hall.

Contact: Murray Harlow 07989720256

Friendship Club, 2pm 2nd and 4th Thursday Orpen Hall.

Contact: Jan Lumb 240824

Colchester & District Model Railway Club,

8pm Armoury Farm. Contact: www.colchestermrcc.org

Zumba Club, 9.30am - 10.30am Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Sanders 07909521306

Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact: Eileen Brown 243301

Pilates, 9.30am-10.30am Scout Hut and

7pm-8pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Smith 564348

Bible Study, 7.30pm 3rd Thursday at the Manse.

Contact: Rev.Ruth Ridge 242183

Fridays:

Little Ducks, 10am-noon St Mary's Church Hall.

Contact: Fay 262775

WB Concert Band, 6pm-7pm (Training) 7pm-9pm (Band)

Heathlands School. Contact: Karen Wilson 824157

Bergholt Youth Goup (BYG), 6.30pm-8pm

Alternate Friday, John Lampon Hall.

Contact: Amber Harlow 242007

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welcome in the holidays. Contact: Yvonne 07812637607

or y.pickin@gmail.com for enquiries

Orpen Players, 8pm Orpen Hall.

Contact: Debbie Hornigold 242111

W.B. Beavers, 4.45pm-6.00pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Charles Hart 241666

W.B. Cubs, 6.30pm-8.00pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Charles Hart 241666

Wired, 7pm-9pm 1st Friday St Mary's Church Hall

Contact: Mark Partridge 241617

Saturdays:

N.E.E. 0 Gauge Model Railway Club, Noon-3pm,

St Mary's Church Hall - Contact: Richard Chadborn: 240541

Morning Prayer and Support, 9.30am-10am

Methodist Church. Contact Rev. Ruth Ridge 242183